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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The report of the Court of Inquiry shows that the explosion which destroyed the Maine was from the outside. —— A Madrid dispatch says the report of the Spanish naval board says emphatically that the explosion on the Maine was of internal origin. —— The situation is regarded in Washington as decidedly critical; it is feared there will be great difficulty in avoiding trouble. —— Battleship Texas sailed from Newport News for Brooklyn, where she will be made ready for service. —— The Baltimore base ball team again defeated the Mercer University team. —— Consul General Lee, at Havana, says the relief work among the Cuban sufferers is progressing satisfactorily. —— It is likely that the condemned negro rapist Evans will be hanged for the Rockingham (N. C.) outrage. During consideration of the Naval Appropriation bill in the House the minority members rebelled against arbitrary ruling of Speaker Reed, filibustering followed and as a result only four pages of the bill were disposed of. —— Announcement of the finding of the Maine court caused excitement in Key West; the light-house tender Mangrove was ordered to Havana at once to take on board all American officials in that city, with the exception of General Lee. —— The Morrill is among the revenue cutters ordered into service; they will fit out at Norfolk, Va. —— The Spanish government, it is believed in Madrid, will propose that the Maine disaster be referred to arbitration. —— The cigarette trust is about to absorb its rivals in the plug tobacco business. —— The Louisiana constitutional convention has adopted a suffrage plan for qualification and poll tax. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent., with last loan at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 6 1-16c.; flour further weakened by the decline in wheat; wheat—spot weak, No. 2 red $1.02; corn—spot weak, No. 2 35½c; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, D. C., March 23.

Temperature: 8 A. M., 52 deg.; 8 P. M., 53 deg.; maximum, 56 deg.; minimum, 52 deg.; mean, 54 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .99.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Cloudy weather prevails to-night over Georgia and the Carolinas, and a belt of clouds from the West Gulf coast North. Elsewhere the weather is generally clear. It is colder 10 to 14 degrees over the immediate South Atlantic coast States, thence westward and north it is much warmer than on last evening. With the exception of light traces of rain over Oklahoma Ter., Tennessee and North Carolina, no precipitation is reported during the past 12 hours. A gale of 38 miles from the North occurred at Hatteras during the day. The ridge of high pressure has moved northeast to central off the North Atlantic coast. An area of low pressure covers the Rocky Mountain coast.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 4.2 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Forecast for North Carolina—Generally fair; warmer in the interior; easterly winds.

Port Almanac--March 26.

Sun Rises	5.57 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.17 P. M.
Day's Length	12 H. 20 M.
High Water at Southport	10.56 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	1.26 A. M.

A Chicago faith-curist who was arrested for shop-lifting, didn't depend on faith to keep her out of jail, but hired a lawyer right away.

War costs something and so does peace. We are told that it costs a thousand millions dollars a year now to preserve the peace of Europe.

When a politician puts himself "in the hands of his friends" he also puts himself in a fair way to get some solar plexus punches from the other fellows.

That Alabama man who "opened a restaurant in connection with his tan-yard" is now in a position to give his patrons a feed or a tanning, if the feed doesn't suit.

Spain owes nearly $2,000,000,000 and the trouble is she hasn't anything to pay it with. Cuba has been one of her best income contributors and that's why she is trying so hard to hold her grip on Cuba.

"The rights of Spain" in Cuba is a back number phrase. Spain has no rights in Cuba. She forfeited all the rights she had when she discarded civilization and resorted to barbarous methods to hold that island in subjection.

Those enthusiastic Kentuckians who broke pint bottles of old Bourbon on the sides of the battleship Kentucky as she glided from the ways were evidently determined that the christening shouldn't be a cold water festivity after all.

A London dispatch tells us that leading bankers of this country and of Europe are working on a scheme to avert war, and that they have the co-operation of the Rothschilds. The Rothschilds have a big mortgage on Spain, and if they and the other money-lenders can secure their claims they will not care a continental what becomes of Cuba or the Cubans.

The Topeka, Kansas, servant girls are threatening an insurrection if they are not allowed to receive their fellows in the dining rooms instead of the kitchens. They thought it might be too much to insist on the parlors and concluded to comp on the dining room.

From the way the Austrian Reichsrath is beginning to perform already the indications are that Francis Joseph will have something to engage his attention at home without volunteering to attend to business for Spain.

There is a place called El Purgatorio in Cuba, where, it is said, the Spanish troops recently killed a hundred women and children. But El Purgatorio seems to be a misnomer on that island now. It is all Hell.

Young Frank J. Gould has recently paid $20,000 for three dogs. His pa, who didn't deal in stock of that kind, wouldn't have paid that much money for 20,000,000 dogs. But the old man wasn't up on dogs.

A returned Yukoner who comes back with an alleged $1,500,000, says he is going to Philadelphia to "buy a wife." He is probably looking for a nice, unsophisticated girl who hasn't seen much of the world.

Hon. David Bennett Hill says he doesn't care how much the newspaper humorists poke fun at him. As David is a confirmed bachelor and never expects to marry he doesn't care.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

To Contractors—Bids wanted.
A. Shrier—Spring style shoes.
Opera House—"His Excellency."
S. W. Sanders—Sugar-cured hams.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. A. M. Spong, of Charleston, S. C., was in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. A. H. Powell, of Newbern, spent yesterday afternoon in the city.

— Mr. Frank Bagg, of the Purchasing Agent's office, A. C. L., returned yesterday from Newport News where he went to see the Kearsarge and Kentucky launched.

— General W. P. Craighill, of Charleston, West Virginia, now on the retired list of the U. S. Army, arrived in the city last night and is the guest of his son, Capt. W. E. Craighill, of the Engineering Corps U. S. A.

— Messrs. R. C. Hoffman, E. St. John, Wm. Moncure and W. W. Gwathmey, the officials of the Seaboard Air Line, who have been here on a tour of inspection of the line, left yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

— Mr. H. D. Burkheimer returned yesterday from attending the launching festivities at Newport News. He states that the crowd was immense and the enthusiasm intense. He saw a number of people well known here, among them Mr. Tom McKoy, of Salisbury, Md.; Messrs. Huggins, Bowden, T. H. Wright, Spencer LeGrand and others.

THE NAVAL MILITIA.

Probability That the North Carolina Battalion Will Soon be Called into Active Service.

It will be seen from an article printed in the STAR to-day that the naval militia of New York and Massachusetts have been called into active service. But, more interesting still, the STAR has reason to believe that the Governor of North Carolina has been requested to call out the Reserves in this State. The details have not transpired; but if our information is correct, no doubt a part of the battalion will be assigned to duty on the monitor *Nantucket*, while others will be assigned to smaller steam craft as soon as the latter can be prepared for their new service.

The contracts for the building and other equipment for the signal stations to be established at Oregon Inlet, Cape Lookout and Cape Fear have not yet been awarded, as the bids are not all in; but this work is to be pushed with energy, and it will not be long before this important branch of the service will present another fine "opening" for the Reserves.

If the war feeling keeps up to its present temperature two or three weeks longer, our harbor may present a busy scene of preparation, even though it be "on a small scale." All the preliminaries have been arranged, and it needs but a few words from Washington to begin the work of changing some of our steamers from a peace to a war footing. What this "flotilla" will be used for was outlined in an article in the STAR some two weeks since.

LOCAL DOTS.

— A new platform is being built in front of the W. & W. depot.

— Spirits turpentine was in demand yesterday, holders refusing to let it go at 29½ cents per gallon.

— A full attendance of the members of Fifth Street Methodist Church is desired at the services at that church to-morrow, specially at night.

— Mr. Martin O'Brien has had the lot on Nutt street back of his residence cleared up preparatory to having a brick building erected on it.

— In the Mayor's Court yesterday Cornelius Sampson was fined $2.50 and costs for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He paid the costs and the fine was remitted.

— Justice N. Morris tried Alex. Mallett, colored, yesterday, on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was adjudged guilty and made to pay the costs.

— A sailor known as "Dutch Charlie" fell on the street yesterday and threw his ankle out of place. He was carried to Dr. McMillan's office and thence to the city hospital.

— In the article yesterday about the resolutions of the Cape Fear Pilots' Association, it should have been stated that the action was taken at the office of the Association in Southport.

— The alarm of fire received at 1:15 o'clock yesterday from box 49 was occasioned by a small fire in a stable at No. 715 South Fifth street, owned by I. King. The origin is unknown. There was no damage.

— Yesterday was a red-letter day for the STAR'S red "extra" giving the finding of the Board of Inquiry in the *Maine* case. The demand for it was red-hot, and it was read all over. The people who read it were red-hot, too.

— Find on the second page this morning the weekly statement of cotton and naval stores. Receipts of cotton since September 1, 1897, amount to 308,221 bales; for the same period last year the receipts were 231,978 bales.

— A large cargo of naval stores was taken out yesterday by the Norwegian barque *Brodrene* for Bristol, England. It consisted of rosin, tar and spirits turpentine and was valued at $16,950. Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co. were the shippers.

— It is hinted that negotiations are in progress between the Wilmington Gaslight Company and the Wilmington Street Railway Company looking to an understanding in regard to the charges for electric lights, both to the city and to private consumers.

— Salisbury *Sun:* "The Wilmington STAR has entered its sixty-second semi-annual volume. The STAR is one of North Carolina's oldest and best daily papers, and we are glad to note that its circulation is larger than at any previous period. Continued success to the STAR."

— Nearly two car loads of cable and other material for use in driving the artesian well at Hilton arrived yesterday, partly from Baton Rouge, La., and partly from St. Augustine, Fla. The driving, which has been delayed for the want of the cable which came yesterday, will begin at once.

— James Smith, alias Eugene Jackson, colored, was placed under a $50 bond by Justice Bunting, yesterday, for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court to answer the charge of the larceny of a rein, the property of Henry McKoy, also colored. The theft was committed last Friday or Saturday.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Series of Meetings by Evangelist Weston R. Gales to Begin To-morrow.

All Christians are cordially invited to co-operate with the members of St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church in the services to be conducted by Evangelist Weston R. Gales, beginning at 11 A. M. to-morrow, March 27th. The singing will be conducted by Rev. A. K. Pool, a noted singer, of Davidson, N. C.

Daily services will be held in the church, beginning with a song service at 7.30 P. M. Gospel Hymns Nos. 5 and 6 will be used.

Daily services will be held during the week for one hour at noon in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The public is invited to all these services.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—106 bales cotton, 9 bbls tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—76 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 130 bbls rosin, 9 bbls tar, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central Railroad—5 casks spirits turpentine, 22 bbls rosin, 13 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—3 bbls rosin, 64 bbls tar.

W. & N. Railroad—32 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 4 bbls rosin, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—50 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 113 bbls rosin, 53 bbls tar, 7 bbls crude turpentine.

Steamer Driver—38 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 11 bbls rosin, 150 bbls tar, 22 bbls crude turpentine.

Total—Cotton, 302 bales; spirits turpentine, 19 casks; rosin, 283 bbls; tar, 352 bbls; crude turpentine, 42 bbls.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

A Charming Entertainment Given by the "Whatsoever Circle" Last Evening.

A CHARACTER PROMENADE.

Portrayed by a Large Number of People and Hugely Enjoyed—Preparations for the State Convention to Meet Here in May.

The ladies of the Whatsoever Circle of The King's Daughters are to be congratulated upon the splendid success which attended their "Character Promenade," given in the lecture room at the First Baptist Church last night. The motto of the Circle is "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" and there was truly every indication that not only the ladies of the Circle, but the company of young people who participated, entered heartily into the work and spared neither pains or expense in the successful presentation of the enjoyable programme.

The event was patronized by a large number of people of all denominations, and not less than $25, clear of expenses, is thought to have been realized from the receipts at the door and the sale of refreshments.

As may be inferred from the title of the programme, the feature of the evening was a Character Promenade, in which twenty-six ladies and gentlemen, costumed after the manner of various characters, marched and countermarched in pretty figures before the delighted audience.

The names of many of the participants and the characters they would represent were published in yesterday's STAR. The procession was led by Miss Bessie Toler, appropriately attired as the Goddess of Liberty. Misses Jane and Lillie Horne, and Mrs. W. P. Oldham, Jr., followed, representing, respectively, America, Cuba and Spain.

Appropriate to the red-hot martial spirit pervading the city, Messrs. J. S. Hooper and H. G. Whitney were in line, uniformed and armed cap-a-pie in the heavy marching order style of the United States army. They were followed by Miss Abbott, Miss Linnie Alderman and Miss Annie Taylor, representing, respectively, Puritan Maiden, Old-fashioned Girl and Girl of To-day.

Close behind these plodded a typical tramp wearing a gruesome false face and clothed in rags. He was Mr. G. E. Leftwich and it was to him that the judges, Mrs. Oscar Byerly, Prof. Noble and Capt. W. P. Oldham awarded the booby prize. The tramp was followed by Misses. Nellie Calder and Lillian Breckenridge, appropriately representing Milk Maid and Hortense.

The next in line was probably the most laughable of all. Mr. James Sinclair was an ideal Peck's Bad Boy and in addition to his boyish "rig" was triumphantly leading a large william goat with huge dangerous horns—a goat that would be a terror to "jiners" in secret order lodges.

In contrast to the bad boy came Miss Ethel Barnes, impersonating Joan of Arc. Then there were Miss May Whitney as Gypsy; Mr. James Taylor, a Knight; Miss Nessie Wescott, Summer Girl; Miss Mamie Morriss, German Peasant Girl; Messrs. Will Oldham, Horace Springer and Fred Craft as Three Little Maids from School; Miss Annie Jones, Clara Barton; Miss Myrta Leonard, Flower Girl, and Miss Nettie Platt, Red Riding Hood. All were excellently impersonated.

The next character in line was the winner of the first prize. Miss Bessie Bertt was exquisitely attired as the Egyptian Princess, and while the contest for the first prize was close still all conceded that she was thoroughly entitled to it

The rear guard of the procession was an excellent Yellow Kid, impersonated ideally by Master Earl Webb.

The prizes were awarded by Capt. W. P. Oldham. The first was a beautiful historic picture, "Joan of Arc" and the booby a "little tin soldier."

Music for the character promenade was furnished by a mandolin club.

The members were Messrs. Bellamy Harriss, Ed. Warren, Robert Platt, Willie Ortman, Ed. Nelson, J. Williams.

After the performance the people repaired to the Sunday school room down stairs, where tables were prettily set and seasonable refreshments served. Impromptu music, vocal and instrumental, was furnished.

The King's Daughters are preparing for the State convention, which is to meet here in May, when many prominent workers of this and other States are expected here.

To every one of the participants in last night's event the STAR is requested to extend the hearty thanks of the Whatsoever Circle.

Shipments of Lettuce.

To-day will be the best day for shipments of lettuce. Four carloads of lettuce will leave over the Atlantic Coast Line under refrigeration by the California Fruit Transportation Company. Of these one will go to New York, and three to Philadelphia. Some of the shippers are Messrs. John F. Garrell, Lewis Horne, Owen Martindale, J. T. Kerr, F. J. Dempsey, C. H. Heide, and J. T. Westbrook. The rush has begun now and Mr. C. W. Woodward, the manager of the C. F. T., and his first assistant, Mr. S. A. King, will have their hands full for several months to come.

— Mr. Henry Weil, of Goldsboro, spent last night in the city.

THE PALACE BAKERY.

Extensive Preparations for Manufacturing Ice Cream and Baking Bread During the Coming Season.

For activity in business and for keeping things generally on the "hustle," you want to drop around to the Palace Bakery. During the past Winter Mr. Farriss has conducted an extensive fruit business, and the people of Wilmington have had the opportunity of buying fruit, particularly bananas, almost as cheaply as if fruit vessels made regular trips to this port.

This Spring and Summer the Palace Bakery will bend all their efforts to make their ice cream business equal that in fruit in extent and in satisfaction to the public. New machinery with probably a gas engine to run the freezers will be put in that will double the capacity for manufacturing. As for prices, they will be as reasonable as one could wish, owing to a decrease in the cost of ice and the enlargement of the plant. Special arrangements will be made for supplying cream in quantities to suit to families on the two beaches. The delivery in the city will be prompt and satisfactory, as a brand new wagon of improved make and elegant appearance has been ordered and will be in use shortly. For the convenience of the public also a convenient and elegant ice cream parlor has been fitted out.

In the bread line the motto of the Palace will be "Excelsior," as in every thing else. The services of a competent Northern baker and caterer have been secured, and Mr. Farriss hopes by his assistance to make an already large business grow still greater. The proprietor and his excellent and industrious wife are ably assisted in the management of the tremendous business done in the bakery by Mr. Ed. Farriss.

THE CONFEDERATE MUSEUM.

A Number of Interesting Relics Received by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The new museum of the Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy was open for the reception of loans and donations of Confederate relics yesterday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock and a number of valuable acquisitions were the result.

Mrs. Gabriel Holmes sent to the museum the full dress Confederate coat used during the war by her father, Col. Peter Mallett, formerly of this city, but now residing in New York city.

Capt. W. R. Kenan contributed two rare relics. They were school books—"A Geographical Reader for Dixie Children," and "First Lessons in Composition." They were printed in 1863 in the *Biblical Recorder* printing office at Raleigh.

Another interesting relic received was a pair of little white gloves, now yellowed by age, which were made by Mrs. Capt. C. D. Myers for a little daughter. They are neatly embroidered in the quaint style of the Confederate period. Mrs. Myers also contributed a pretty sash, made of a Confederate flag. It has the nine stars on a blue field, and the alternate red and white stripes.

On next Friday the museum will again be open for contributions and it is to be hoped that many more relics of value will be sent in. STAR readers are reminded that they can either loan or give outright any Confederate relic, and that every protection from theft or damage by fire is provided by the Daughters of the Confederacy for relics stored in their museum. The appeal for contributions and loans is made to people all over the State, as this is the only museum of the kind in the State and is intended by its devoted promoters to be a State institution. If you have relics, loan or give them to the museum.

JOHN EVANS WILL HANG.

Latest Developments in the Case of the Negro Rapist.

The story of the latest development in the case of John Evans, the negro convicted of an outrageous crime at Rockingham, printed in the STAR of yesterday, left little doubt of his guilt; but we have further information, received here, in regard to the action that will be taken by Governor Russell, reinforced by the statement in our Raleigh special, which makes it practically a certainty that John Evans' days are numbered, and that he will pay the penalty of his horrible crime on the 1st day of April next.

Proposals Invited.

The Hanover Seaside Club invite contractors and builders to submit proposals for the construction and erection of their club house on Carolina Beach. Bids will be received up to Thursday noon, March 31st; the plans and specifications can be had upon application to the architect, Mr. H. E. Bonitz. There will be a meeting of the club Thursday or Friday of next week to consider the bids, and the charter, which will be presented at the meeting.

The Weather Next Month.

Mr. W. H. Fallon, observer of the Weather Bureau Station, Wilmington, furnishes the following data covering a period of 27 years, compiled from the record in his office.

The temperature for April, 27 years, is 61 degrees; the highest was 90 deg. on the 26th, 1880; lowest, 28 deg. on the 19th, 1875. The average rainfall for the month is 2.84 inches. Prevailing rains have been from the Southwest.

AT FORT CASWELL.

Work Progressing on the Additional Emplacement for Disappearing Guns.

TROOPS ARE BUSY DRILLING.

The Fort to be Equipped With Electric Lights—Large Contract For Stone Closed—Letter From an Artilleryman.

The government has closed a contract with the Mount Airy Granite Company for about a thousand tons of stone to be used in the construction of the new emplacement at Fort Caswell. The necessity of the additional fortifications was not unforeseen, and the work now is simply in execution of the original plans. It cannot be learned when the work will be completed, but the greatest expedition marks all the movements.

The steamer *Wilmington* yesterday carried down a number of men seeking employment in the work going on at the fort. The guns will be here as soon as the emplacement is ready for them, and even before, perhaps.

Mr. A. B. Skelding, general manager of the Wilmington Street Railway Company, accompanied by one of the company's linemen, Mr. W. B. Savage, went down to Fort Caswell to put up an arc light.

The fort is already equipped with a dynamo for generating the electricity. The light is to enable the men to work at night, as a squad will be kept at work at night as well as in the day time.

The troops are kept busy drilling with the disappearing guns.

Life in Camp.

For the benefit of the STAR'S readers who would like to know what life at a disappearing battery is like, the following extract from a private letter written by one of the artillerymen at Caswell is published:

"We got here Saturday morning on the steamer *Wilmington* and proceeded to pitch camp close to the engineer's dock and got well fixed by retreat, at sunset. The men worked hard to get into camp by Sunday morning. Sunday was spent in sleeping and resting after a long and tiresome journey. Everybody appreciated the opportunity.

Monday was spent in getting firewood and flooring the officer's quarters. Tuesday in unloading a barge of lumber and building a kitchen so as to keep the sand out of the eatables, as we were getting about half sand and half food. In the afternoon of Tuesday the boys rested until 3 o'clock when they went to the new disappearing battery to drill until 5 o'clock—the first drill since the camp was established. In the evening a flag staff thirty feet long was erected and "Old Glory" was floated to the breeze with enthusiasm. Wednesday, the boys began boarding their tents and the company street until the usual drill hour.

Hospital Corps.

Messrs. Patrick F. Connolly and Frank Lahna, of the Hospital Corps of the United States army, arrived in the city last night, en route from Washington, D. C., to Fort Caswell, where they have been ordered for service. They have just completed a seven months' course of special training in the Barracks Medical School of Instruction at Washington, and will, on arriving at Fort Caswell, assume charge of the hospital there.

Mr. Connolly's home is in Boston, and Mr. Lahna is a native of Washington, D. C. A member of the STAR'S local staff had the pleasure of introducing them at the armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry, where they spent the evening most pleasantly. They will go down to Fort Caswell to-day at 2.30 o'clock on the steamer *Wilmington*.

CAROLINA YACHT CLUB.

Meeting of the Governing Board—Action Taken in Several Matters of Importance.

A meeting of the governing board of the Carolina Yacht Club was held last night at the residence of the Commodore, Mr. Geo. D. Parsley, No. 312 South Second street. Those present were Mr. Geo. D. Parsley, Commodore; Mr. John K. Williams, Fleet Captain; Mr. J. F. Gause, Superintendent of Club House and Grounds; Mr. Jas. T. Munds, Purser, and Messrs. M. S. Willard, C. W. Worth and M. W. Divine.

At the annual meeting of the club held on last Monday night, several matters were left with the governing board with power to act, and last night these matters came up. One of these was the question of buying a life raft to be placed in the surf in front of the club house. After discussion the matter was left over till a future meeting. Mr. M. W. Divine was appointed chairman of a committee to consider the advisability of the club's becoming a member of the North American Yacht Union.

Another question, in the decision of which a good many people were interested, especially the Hospital Circle of King's Daughters, was whether the Club should allow the Circle to place a library of books in the club house, the proceeds from the rent of which should go to the Circle. It was decided to let the books be placed in the club house for a period of sixty days. It was further decided to get a new champion flag and have the two old ones placed in frames and hung up on the walls of the Club.

— Rev. G. W. McMillan, of Burgaw, is the guest of his brother, Dr. W. D. McMillan. He will be in the city until Monday.

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

Gov. Russell and the Postoffice Fight—Oxford Orphanage—Naval Reserves.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 25.

At Greensboro to-day the Executive Committee of the Teachers' Assembly meet to prepare the programme for the assembly in June. A place of meeting will be chosen. It is almost certain that Asheville will be selected.

Governor Russell has taken a hand in the fight for the Raleigh postoffice. The Governor has written President McKinley protesting against the appointment of C. Tom Bailey. He says either Shaffer or Nichols would be acceptable to the patrons of the office.

The building committee of the Oxford Orphanage met in Durham last evening and completed arrangements for the construction of a dormitory building for girls. Mr. B. W. Duke recently gave $5,000 towards the building on the condition that the Masons of the State duplicate the amount.

Sheriff Jones will have opposition for renomination. Ex-Register of Deeds "Buck" Adams announces himself a candidate for the nomination.

A telegram was received here this morning by Collector Duncan from Newbern, announcing the death of State Senator McCarthy.

Col. W. J. Pope, who is favorably spoken of for President of the A. & N. C. road, arrived this morning from Washington, D. C. He is here to see the Governor.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

It is understood that the North Carolina Naval Reserves will be inspected by United States naval officers at once.

Governor Russell arrives to-morrow. The case of John Evans, the negro rapist, will be taken up then. The STAR'S story of the latest phase of the case, printed to-day, is corroborated, and it looks like Evans will be hanged.

"HIS EXCELLENCY."

The Play to be Presented at the Opera House Tuesday Night.

Edwin A. Davis, in "His Excellency," will appear at the Opera House on Tuesday evening, March 29. It will be given for one night only. "His Excellency" is none other than the famous play that was presented at New York for a run of 100 nights. The company is the original New York company.

It is only by chance that the play is given here, as the company had dates in cities further South that would have prevented its coming to Wilmington if the manager had not cancelled them on account of the smallpox scare. It has been some time since the last play at the Opera House, and "His Excellency" will doubtless be presented before a large audience. Sale of seats will commence at Gerken's Monday morning.

Savings and Trust Co.

A meeting of the directors of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company was held yesterday at 4 P. M. at the office of the Company on Princess street. The annual election of officers resulted as follows:

President—J. W. Norwood.
Vice President—H. Walters.
Cashier—Geo. Sloan.

After the transaction of routine business the board adjourned. The directors present were Messrs. D. O'Connor, W. A. Riach, N. B. Rankin, Don MacRae, Jas. S. Worth, and J. W. Norwood.

SOUTH CAROLINA TRUCKERS.

Conditions Much Changed Recently and the Prospects Now Point to a Fine Crop.

News and Courier: The truck conditions on Charleston Neck have changed materially in the last week or two, and now, with just a little rain and no frost, the truckers will harvest a fine and early crop. Ten days to two weeks ago the outlook was very gloomy indeed. The long continued drought and the cold had prevented any growth and the farmers were extremely dubious about the state of affairs. Some, in fact, stated that the crop would be late and not more than half as large as usual. But the generous rains and continued warm weather since that time have brought everything ahead rapidly and in good healthy condition.

A gentleman who has just made a general trip about the trucking section said yesterday that Charleston's truck farmers were in splendid shape. Strawberries will be moving April 1st and a good crop may be expected. This will be just about the usual time for the berry movement to begin and good prices are anticipated.

A large and fine crop of cabbage is being made and this will come on the market about April 10th. This will also be ready for shipment about the same time, April 10th, or perhaps a few days earlier. A good crop is in sight and it will make an early market, consequently good prices.

Asparagus was about ten days late in starting North, but is moving briskly now and the price is very fair.

A little lettuce is being shipped, but the cold weather damaged this crop seriously and the yield will be small.

Irish potatoes have a good start and unless killed by a late frost, which is not now anticipated, will make a good yield and come on the market about the usual time.

— Mr. Geo. T. Fowler, of Lenoir, is registered at The Orton.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bids Wanted.

Contractors and Builders are invited to bid for the construction and erection of Club building of Hanover Seaside Club, Carolina Beach. Plans and specifications can be obtained from H. E. Bonitz, Architect, Wilmington, N. C. Bids will be received up to Thursday noon, March 31st, 1898. Committee reserve the right to reject any and all bids. mar 26 1t

Church Notices.

First Presbyterian Church. Divine service at 11 a. m., conducted by Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D. No services at night. Sunday School at 4.00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday at 8 p. m. Seats free.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. A. P. Tyer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church, South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunningim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 4.00 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, Pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 10 a. m. Senior Y. P. S. C. E. 4.45 p. m. Sabbath School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer and Praise Wednesday at 8 p. m. All welcome. Seats free.

First Baptist Church, corner Market and Fifth streets, Rev. W. B. Oliver, pastor. Services tomorrow 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m. Strangers and visitors cordially invited to all services.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. W. Kramer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.00 p. m. Weekly Prayer and Praise meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Bladen Street Methodist E. Church, Southwest corner of Bladen and Fifth streets, Rev. G. D. Langston, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Class meeting 3 o'clock p. m. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Thursday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to these services.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. C. Morton, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society every Wednesday night. Sewing School Tuesday and Saturday at 3.30 to 4.00 p. m.

The regular Services at the Seamen's Bethel will be conducted to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. G. D. Langston. Seamen and river men are especially invited. All welcome.

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. F. H. Farrington, Pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. Weekly Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 26

NO FIGHTING THE INEVITABLE.

We are among those who believe that the South is destined in time to control the cotton manufacturing industry—not only of this country, but of the world. We do not mean by this that all or a majority of the cotton manufactories of the world are to be in the South, but that the South will control the industry for the world as England has done, and as New England has done for this country. Many of the New England manufacturers candidly confess that New England's day of supremacy has passed, and that henceforth it is not to be a monopoly with them or a contest for continued supremacy, but a struggle for existence.

They have abandoned the contest in some lines of goods of which they had a monopoly of the manufacture not many years ago, the manufacture of which has since passed to the South. The New England mills hope to retain the supremacy in fine goods, to which they have almost exclusively turned their attention, and they will probably continue to do this for some time until the profits in the coarser goods become so reduced that the Southern mills will find it expedient to branch out and add finer grades to the product of their looms. They could do this now, but they are acting with prudent discretion, letting well enough alone, content with the business they are now doing and not disposed to branch out until fully equipped by experience and otherwise for the new departure. But that time will come and when it does come the New England mills will discover that they will have another tussle before them in which it will be quite as difficult to hold their old place as it was to hold their place in some of those lines of manufacture which they had at last to surrender.

Were it not for the fact that this industry has already been established in New England and that there are hundreds of millions of dollars invested it in in one way or another, we do not believe that, with the lights as they are now before the capitalists who have so invested their money, there would be any more cotton mills built in that section and it is pretty safe to predict that very few will be built in the future. The building of mills has practically come to a standstill there already, while the building in the South continues right along.

Considering all the advantages that the New England mills may have in the large capital which they can command and the long experience those who operate them have had, it is simply a question after all of the cost of production, for the section which can produce at the least cost, other things being equal, will eventually control the business in cotton manufactures as in everything else.

In answering Mr. Lovering, the the representative in Congress of the New England manufacturers who are complaining of Southern competition, Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, briefly but comprehensively stated what the South had to count on in the race for supremacy. Speaking first of the alleged low wages paid in Southern mills compared with Northern mills he said:

"The actual net remuneration enjoyed by the Southern operatives is equal or superior to that enjoyed by those in New England. The net remuneration, for that is what a man gets in the way of wages in this world, is what he is enabled to save. The fact that this net remuneration is greater in the South is based first on the fact that fuel at the South is cheaper and is needed for a much shorter time. The operatives do not need fires in their houses, except for the purpose of cooking, for over six weeks or three months, depending upon the latitude in which they live, whereas in New England they need fires for five or six or eight or more months during the year. Then the fuel to run the factories costs less, and the food at the South costs less, and the clothing at the South costs less, because less is needed; overcoats and heavy wraps, heavy woollen underclothes, and all that sort of things are not needed in the South.

Again, the operating expenses of the Southern mills are less because coal is cheaper, machinery is newer, and therefore insurance less. The operating expenses are also less because cotton is cheaper. And last but not least in this strange catalogue of misinformation lodged in the brain of the gentleman from Massachusetts, it cannot be said that the labor strikes in New England have grown from anything taking place in the South at all, for the reason that the sort of factories that are running in the South and are competing with those of New England are not the same sort of factories as those of New England where the strikes are in progress; they do not manufacture the same sort of goods. The factories suffering in New England from strikes are chiefly those that make the finer goods, and the competition in the South is in the coarser grades.

With the higher wages talked of in the New England mills they do not average a dollar a day and this is only for the time actually employed, while much of the time the hands are idle, either on account of the weather, or on account of the surplus production, which necessitates stoppages or short time to keep the product somewhere within the demands for consumption. In the South the mills run the year around and seldom stop or reduce time to reduce stock on hand for that seldom becomes so large as to materially affect prices. Allowing that there may be a slight difference in the rates of wages paid North and South, the Southern operative is, taking the year through, better paid than the Northern operative, and when it comes to the man of family much better, for as there is no prohibition of child labor in the Southern mills, many of them employ the parents and several of their children, which makes the earnings of some families twenty dollars a week or more, the larger part of which they can save, for the reasons stated in the above extract from the speech of Mr. Williams, of Mississippi.

This is not new information imparted by Mr. Williams, although it is very tersely and comprehensively stated, for the fact of the lower wages, lower cost of fuel, and lower operating expenses generally are known and acknowledged by many of the New England manufacturers, some of whom have concluded to get the benefit of these conditions by either moving their plants to the South, or by investing in new ones, more of which will be done as the years roll on.

MINOR MENTION.

For some years the inside water route along our Atlantic coast has attracted more or less attention from the Government, some from Congress, and has been the subject of considerable discussion by the press. The present war flurry has again brought it into prominence. The following in reference to it, which we find in the Savannah *News*, is interesting as showing how practicable it is to secure a safe inland water way along almost the entire length of our Atlantic coast:

"With the exception of a few miles, there is a continuous succession of sounds, bays, rivers, creeks and canals for nearly the entire length of the coast. These waterways are for the most part now navigable to light draft vessels. With the expenditure of a reasonable sum of money, an unbroken inside water route reaching from Boston to the capes of Florida could be opened. A year or two ago the torpedo boat Cushing made a cruise of examination through the inside route from Washington to Biscayne Bay, with the exception of a lap by open sea from Beaufort, N. C., to Bulls Bay, S. C. The trip was slow and tedious, but it demonstrated the practicability of an inland channel. The advantages of such a channel in the event of emergency is too obvious to need comment.

"Attention is drawn to this matter by the fact that the government has chartered a barge for the transportation of guns from the Watervliet arsenal, by way of New York, to the South through this inside water route. This means of transportation is safer than sending the heavy guns by sea on sailing craft, as witness the recent loss of two heavy guns off Tybee from a freighting schooner, and is cheaper than sending them by rail. The barge in question is 98 feet long, 18 feet beam, and with a cargo of 200 tons draws 6 feet of water. She will be able to keep the inside route from New York as far south as Beaufort, N. C., at which point, according to the New York *Times*, she will take the open sea and proceed to Savannah, where she will take the inside route again. A part of her load is destined for Dry Tortugas, but her sea voyage will be ended at Savannah.

"The inside route between this city and Port Royal needs only a little improvement to make it practicable for craft even larger, and with considerably more draft than this barge. The torpedo fleet recently came through it without difficulty. It has been intimated that Port Royal will be made a naval rendezvous in the event of trouble with Spain. In that event, it is at once apparent of how much advantage it would be to have an inland channel by which the coast defenders could drop down to Savannah and beyond, or hurry to Charleston, without being obliged to put to sea for the trip; for what has been said of the route from Port Royal to Savannah is true also of it from the former port to Charleston.

"The improvement of the inside route would, by the way, be of almost incalculable value in time of peace, as well as in time of war, since it would open up to cheap transportation the rich coast and Sea Island farming lands."

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As far as may be inferred from the indications the acreage of cotton to be planted this Spring will be quite as large if not larger than that of last year, while there is every reason that it should be smaller. With another large crop, following the large crop of last year, the present low prices will surely be lower, and this on the assumption that there will be no disturbance among the nations to interfere with commerce or to cause depression in the cotton-manufacturing industry of other countries. But what reason have we to believe that the nations on the other side of with the oceans will continue at peace each other when they are all making such gigantic preparations for war? There isn't a European nation of any standing that is not, to quote the distinguished Mark Hanna, "armed to the teeth." The fact that they are thus armed may put off the war a little longer but it will not prevent it. Impulsive action by any one may involve several, and we have Japan, "the Game cock of the East" almost spoiling for a fight. Japan isn't caring a continental about the "peace of Europe" which may concern the other Powers, and therefore may strike at any time. With war in the East, which is such a large consumer of cotton and cotton goods, the price of cotton would go down and the price of breadstuffs go up, and therefore the prudent planter, with the prospective outlook, will plan and plant accordingly—less cotton and more of those things that he must buy if he does not raise.

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In our Washington dispatches published yesterday speaking of the probable course that the administration will pursue in the Cuban question, it was stated that the blowing up of the Maine would be "treated as an incident." That's right. Whatever cause of action this Government may have against Spain on that account, if it be shown that the explosion came from external agencies with or without the knowledge or connivance of Spanish officials, that catastrophe, horrible as it was, has no more to do with the merits of the Cuban problem than if the ship had been destroyed by a hurricane or an earthquake. All the causes on which this Government bases its right to intervene existed before the Maine was sent to Havana, and whatever action may be taken on account of her destruction, must be separate and distinct from any action that may be taken to bring this cruel and barbarous war to an end. To let the Maine affair figure in it as a factor would open the way to get the whole question before a court of arbitration composed principally of European crowned heads whose sympathies would be with Spain, and against this country and against the Cubans. As monarchs they would side with the Spanish monarchy on the same principle that the jurors who ate the pork stood by the thief who stole the hog. The Maine must be taken care of, and if reparation be due full reparation demanded and insisted upon, but Cuba must be looked after, too, and not jeopardized by any unnecessary complications.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Even autonomy on the plan proposed does not go down with the Cubans, although they are hungry enough to swallow almost anything. *Philadelphia Times, Ind.*

—— The Sugar Trust is undergoing the fatal experience which soon or later overtakes all such monopolistic violations of the laws of trade. New refineries are springing up, and the Trust must submit to their competition or buy them off on own their terms. Each successive purchase at heavy cost of plants that are not needed reduces the resources of the monopoly, and at last will come the collapse. The Sugar Trust has had a long and prosperous run, but there is no mistaking the signs of revolt against its power.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— The Philadelphia *Press* speaks of "the development of the modern navy as begun under President Harrison." These are times when even party organs can afford to be fair. The "development of the modern navy" was begun under the first Cleveland administration, and the credit for the inauguration of the good work is due to Hon. William C. Whitney. The Harrison administration is entitled to praise for the manner in which it carried on the improvement, and it is to be hoped that the present and future administrations will be eligible for commendation for the same reason. —*Washington Post, Ind.*

Suffered 20 Years.

MRS. MARY LEWIS, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and paid large sums of money for doctors and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of sinking spells and slowly grew worse. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Nerve and Liver Pills. At first the medicine seemed to have no effect, but after taking a few bottles I began to notice a change; I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as one of my age may expect. God bless Dr. Miles' Nervine."

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury *Sun:* Internal Revenue Officer Vanderford, Mebane and Hunt, of the Greensboro force made a successful raid this week about 6 miles south east of Lexington, capturing a still worm and cap, and destroying about 500 gallons of "low wines."

— Jacksonville *Times:* The community will learn with sorrow of the death of Mr. Geo. D. Mattocks, of Stella, which occurred on Tuesday morning, March 22nd. Mr. Mattocks was a veteran of the late war and served with distinction and honor the cause he espoused.

— Smithfield *Herald:* The Mormons are meeting with strong opposition in their work near Princeton, N. C. They have two organizations in that section, and had just completed and dedicated their Neuse Chapel Church. Last Saturday night some person set fire to it and burned it down. The style of this church was different from that of any other church near there. The work of putting it up was done mainly by the Mormon elders.

— Raleigh *Times:* It is said by an observant man that if the list of convicts who during the past ten years have been pardoned out of the penitentiary because about to die were examined it would show the most remarkable percentage of recoveries imaginable. —— There is a deficiency in the regular rainfall for the state of 36 inches. The State Geological Survey and mill managers that use water power say that unless there are heavy spring and summer rains there is every prospect for a water famine.

— Elkin *Times:* Louis Bray, who lived in Marsh township, died last Saturday and was buried Sunday in the family graveyard. Mr. J. G. Barrus conducted the burial service. He was buried in his night clothes, without stockings, as he desired it to be so. He made his own coffin about fifteen years ago, and called it his "meat box," and when the neighbor boys called in he would get out his coffin and they would play cards on it. By his request Esq. Barrus conducted the funeral services and Mr. Luther Reece trampled the dirt down on his grave. He was ninety years old.

— Monroe *Journal:* Some one is authority for the statement that more than 1,000 sacks of guano were hauled out of Monroe last Saturday. All indications are that the price of cotton will not be better next year than this. —— The Seaboard Air Line Railroad has been transporting large quantities of ammunition. The powder is shipped from Norfolk to Atlanta and is designed for Key West and other Southern points which are the scenes of vigorous war preparations. Friday 170,000 pounds of ammunition and projectiles passed through. Thursday 180,000 pounds were carried through to Atlanta.

— Monroe *Enquirer:* Mrs. Smiley Spettle, wife of Mr. Jas. Spettle, died suddenly at her home five miles west of Monroe Wednesday morning. Mrs. Spettle was taken violently sick early in the morning and her husband started for a doctor, but he had been gone but a short time when she died, it supposed of congestion of the brain. Deceased was twenty-three years old and leaves three small children. —— Mr. L. Z. Gordon, of west Monroe township, left Wednesday for Atlanta with model of an automatic car coupler, which has recently been invented by his uncle, Mr. W. H. Foster, of Cabarrus county. The coupler is pronounced by mechanics and railroad men as the most complete of its kind. Patents for the coupler have been taken out in the United States and in Germany. —— J. H. Winchester, Esq., of Sandy Ridge township, has a black gum tree, which is a monster of its kind, growing in his yard. The tree is nine feet and two inches in circumference and the limbs measure fifty-six feet from tip to tip. Thirty-nine years ago Mr. Winchester stood on the ground and cut the top of the tree off with a pocket knife.

It is economy to profit by the experience of others. Thousands have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, why not you? †

TWINKLINGS.

— Once in a while a woman dreams that her husband gives her money to go shopping with, without her asking for it.—*Somerville Journal.*

— "Say, what's your business?" "I'm a burglar; what's yours?" "Shake; I'm in the same line." "Well, come on—let's take something."—*Chicago News.*

— Many Times Married—"What makes you so anxious to get Mrs. Flighty into your church?" "She would probably give us six memorial windows."

— Ned—"Do you know of any people who really live according to their convictions?" Ted—"Oh, yes; there's plenty of them in Sing Sing."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— "Pa, is Mr. Springgins in the militia?" "Yes, my boy." "Well, I guess he's getting ready for war." "What makes you think so?" "He was out in the back lot this afternoon practicing running."

— She—"There are people who use religion as a cloak." He—"I know it. She—"What will they do in the next world, do you think?" He—"Oh, they won't need any cloak there."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— He had been boasting of his family tree, and Miss Cayenne interrupted with the inquiry: "Isn't it something like the orchid?" "In what respect?" "All branches and no roots."—*Washington Star.*

— Bank President—Did I understand you to say that a change of climate had been recommended for you? Cashier—Yes, sir. That is why I desire an earlier vacation than usual. Bank President—Who recommended the change, your physician or your attorney.

— Cruel.—"Yes," said Miss Paseigh, "I enjoy the society of Mr. Airylad. He keeps me interested. He is always saying something that one never hears from anybody else." "Really," rejoined Miss Cayenne. "Has he been proposing to you, too?" —*Washington Star.*

Yellow Jaundice Cured.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from Yellow Jaundice for over six months, and was treated by some of the best physicians in our city and all to no avail. Dr. Bell, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters; and after taking two bottles I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptish Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial, it will please me." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

TOO MUCH BLACK ART.

Ingenious End of Two Girls' Hunt For Secrets of the Future.

There are two girls in Brooklyn who, if the subject of fortune telling should happen to be mentioned in their presence today, would exclaim with the sincerest emphasis, "Never again!" Their convictions on this point are deeply rooted in an experience of a week ago. At that time they determined to carry out what had been a long cherished project with them by visiting a "real" clairvoyant in his lair. So they looked over the advertisements in a morning paper until they discovered one which held out especially strong inducements in the way of reading "the past, present and future, reuniting the separated," and all the rest of it. The two set off to find the address of the noted man. This was not difficult, but it conducted the girls through a part of the city of which they had little knowledge and which certainly could not have been called attractive. Reaching the house, they ascended to the apartments of the "clairvoyant on the second floor" by a narrow, dirty and dark staircase. By the time they knocked at the door of the mysterious place their first fresh enthusiasm had been somewhat dampened, and when the seer himself opened to them they were ready to be convinced at once that he possessed a sinister and evil face.

After they had passed in, to their astonishment their host promptly locked the door behind them. The girls glanced at each other, but, noting that the key still remained in the lock, they controlled their anxiety for a moment. Worse was still to come. It appeared that this was merely an antechamber, and the clairvoyant led them directly through it to an inner room, the door of which he also locked in the same manner. Then he motioned them to seats, and the girls dropped into them, their eyes round with fear and a shaky, insecure feeling in their knees. The fortune teller dived into a dark closet and brought forth some strange looking boxes, which his visitors, in their excited frame of mind, decided were extremely dangerous things. The girl nearest the door moved uneasily in her chair and cast eyes of longing toward the lock. She was nerving herself for a desperate effort. Her chance came in a moment, when the clairvoyant, excusing himself politely, plunged into the depths of another dark pantry, presumably to hunt up more materials.

Leaning far over, without rising or making the slightest noise, she turned the key in the lock and exchanged one look of comprehension with her companion. On the instant both started to their feet, and, secrecy being no longer possible, they fairly hurled themselves through the doorway. An exclamation and sudden movement behind them did not serve to lessen their haste. With trembling fingers the girl who had made herself leader managed to unlock the second door, and in their precipitation the two had a narrow escape from falling headlong to the bottom of the stairs. Meanwhile the clairvoyant was panting after them, shouting to them to return, but his words only terrified the fugitives still more.

Then the man who had read the past and from the appearance of things could make a pretty good guess at the future lost his temper and acted solely with reference to the present. Picking up a big, soft doormat which lay at the head of the stairs, he hurled it down furiously after his escaping clients. It was well aimed and struck the last girl squarely on the head and shoulders. If anything had been needed to complete their utter panic, this accomplished it. The horrified girls never drew breath until they were at least a block away in the open street. Even then they dodged fearfully around several corners to baffle any pursuit which might be attempted. They reached their homes in a very different frame of mind from that in which they had started, and never—no, not if you were to offer them a fortune out of hand for it—will they dabble with the occult in that form again.—New York Tribune.

Bach.

Bach lived 65 years, from 1685 to 1750. In 1723 he was elected musical director of the St. Thomas school in Leipsic, and there is reason to believe that all his great works were written between that date and the time of his blindness, not long before his death. So enormous is the mass of manuscript music left by Bach that although the Bach society of Leipsic has been printing it for years it is said that the quantity still in manuscript greatly exceeds that which has been printed.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking the first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. †

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MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., March ,23 1898.

SCHOONERS.

Emma S, 60 tons, Cahoon, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

John H Tingue, 488 tons, Rhodes, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Victory (Br) 131 tons, Munro, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Steamship Croatan, 826 tons, McKee, Georgetown, H G Smallbones.

Yearby (Br) 1665 tons, Goldsworthy, Alex Sprunt & Son.

Kimon (Austrian), 1,244 tons, Saha, Powers, Gibbs & Co.

Cambay (Br), 1693 tons, Rees, Alex Sprunt & Son.

BARQUES.

Ruth (Nor), 445 tons, Olsen, Alex Sprunt & Son.

Pure Blood

Every thought, word and action takes vitality from the blood; every nerve, muscle, bone, organ and tissue depends on the blood for its quality and condition.

Spring Medicine Therefore pure blood is absolutely necessary to right living and healthy bodies. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great blood purifier and the best Spring Medicine. Therefore it is the great cure for scrofula, salt rheum, humors, sores, rheumatism, catarrh, etc.; the great nerving, strength builder, appetizer, stomach tonic and regulator.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is sold by all druggists. $1 Six for $5. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. America's Greatest Medicine.

Hood's Pills taken after dinner aid digestion.

ELY'S CREAM BALM is a positive cure. Apply into the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed. 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; samples 10c. by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York City. jan 11 1y tu th sa

Sep 4 6m 3s

Lope de Vega.

Lope de Vega, the famous Spanish dramatist and poet, lived from 1562 to 1635. His literary work began when he was about 13 years old, and from that time until his death, a period of 60 years, he poured forth an enormous quantity of plays, dramatic compositions of all kinds, poems of every character, breathing every spirit from the strictest asceticism to the most unbridled license. Over 1,800 plays are credited to him, and the published collection, comprising about 300, is contained in 48 volumes.

The Scotch.

The Scottish people were the Scoti, the prehistoric invaders of Ireland. They are supposed to have been either Germans or Slavonians. Ireland was called Scotia from the fourth to the tenth century. In the reign of Henry II, 1154, it began to be called Ireland. The Scoti also settled Scotland, and there retained their original designation.

The baya bird of India spends his spare time catching mammoth fireflies, which he fastens to the sides of his nest with moist clay. On a dark night a baya's nest looks like a chandelier in full [illegible]

Wholesale Prices Current.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7¼
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½@		6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5¾
BARRELS Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	45	@	48
Virginia Meal	45	@	48
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½@		12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	13	@	16
Rio	7½@		10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	12½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	9	@	10
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 50	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔	8	@	10
Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 50
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½@		8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn from store, bgs—White	48	@	50
Car load, in bags—White	47	@	48
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	43
Cow Peas		@	90
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	19
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	30
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾@		2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½@		6
North Carolina	6	@	7
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	15 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	12 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	55
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 00
Common	1 85	@	2 25
Cypress Sage	3 50	@	3 75
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¾
White Extra		@	5¾
Extra C, Golden		@	5
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3@4		7
STAVES, W. O. barrel	5 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 50
Common Mill	4 50	@	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES N. C. Cypress sawed ℔ M extra heart	7 50	@	8 50
Sap	5 00	@	6 00
6x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
Sap	4 00	@	4 50
5x24 Heart	3 00	@	3 50
Sap	2 50	@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	4
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed		@	15

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 25.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 29¼ cents per gallon bid for machine-made casks and 28¾ cents bid for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market quiet at $1.25 per bbl for strained and $1.30 for good strained.

TAR.—Market steady at 90 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.50 per barrel for Hard, and $2.00 for Dip.

Quotations same day last year:—Spirits turpentine steady, 27, 26½@c; rosin firm, $1.45, 1.50; tar firm, 95 cents; crude turpentine quiet, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	19
Rosin	283
Tar	352
Crude turpentine	42

Receipts same day last year.—24 casks spirits turpentine, 53 bbls rosin, 188 bbls tar, 6 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 5⅛c per pound for middling. Quotations: Good Ordinary..... 5 5-16 cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary..... 4¼ " "
Low Middling..... 5 5-16 " "
Middling..... 5¾ " "
Good Middling..... 6 " "

Same day last year, middling 7c.

Receipts—302 bales; same day last year, 25.

COUNTRY PRODUCE

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 40 to 50c per bushel of 28 pounds; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½ to 50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00 to 1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

WEEKLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For week ended March 25, 1898.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
2,203	176	3,342	1,882	97

RECEIPTS.

For week ended March 26, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
607	168	3,373	1,126	49

EXPORTS.

For week ended March 25, 1898.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	900	605	180	2,272	6
Foreign	8,367	4	1	22	0
	9,267	609	190	2,294	6

EXPORTS.

For week ended March 26, 1897.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	615	386	000	250	000
Foreign	000	000	1,000	4,096	000
	615	386	1,000	4,446	000

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat March 25, 1898.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	9,980	1,927	11,407
Spirits	432	510	942
Rosin	3,027	4,095	34,122
Tar	6,939	4,312	11,251
Crude	201	000	201

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat March 26, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
13,846	183	22,500	3,780	420

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Money on call easy at 1¼@2 per cent., with last loan at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, actual business in bankers' bills 483¾ for demand and 480¾@481 for

AN OPEN LETTER
To MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, *of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of* "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," *the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *on every wrapper. This is the original* "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," *which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years.* LOOK CAREFULLY *at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought* Chas. H. Fletcher *on the and has the signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.*

March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which *even he* does not know.

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Some send to Cammeyer's, others send elsewhere for what they need in SHOES, while all can save themselves money by buying at home. We have Val. Duttenhofer & Son's Ladies' Shoes at the uniform price of \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. This line is unexcelled. We carry Mundell's Children Shoes at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50; besides many cheaper grades in all kinds. We sell a splendid line of Gent's Shoes also. We invite you to inspect our stock and WEAR OUR SHOES.

Respectfully,

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IN A GARDEN.

I stray in a southern garden
That smiles on the sunset sea,
And the wind through the old palmettos
Makes murmur of sails for me.

'Tis the hour when the scarlet glimmer
Falls like a magic spell,
And a crimson softness wanders
On wild, blue San Miguel.

Around me the pale pink roses
Are painted with fairy light,
And the dark red roses deepen
Their fragrance before the night.

On the honeysuckle arbor
The mocking bird muses dumb.
There wells in his soul what fountain
Of songs for the moon to come!

The date palm's giant feather
Flames black on the orange west,
Where brims with a lilac vapor
The ocean's sapphire breast.

A humming bird darts and passes
In his loneness small and free,
And the dreams of my heart and my longing
Dart forth on the sunset sea.

—Irene Putname in New York Home Journal.

ALONE WITH BUFFALOES.

The Sense of Desolation Which Came to a Man on the Frontier.

The following is an extract from the personal reminiscences of David N. Heiger, who witnessed the slaughter of buffalo in the far west:

Early in June the buffalo began to cross the river. Every day the country south of the river had grown blacker with the incoming hordes until it seemed the country would no longer hold them, and they were compelled to ford the stream. Day after day and night after night for six long weeks their onward tide to the northward was as ceaseless as the flow of the river. Blacker and blacker the country grew, and the last thing to be heard on a still summer night during all that time was the continual splash of the disturbed waters, interspersed with the bellowing of the bulls and the shrill howl of the coyotes. Many a night I stood by the door of the old stone stockade alone and listened to those strange, weird sounds, and a consciousness or an awful loneliness would come over me. Many a night I looked up to the stars and said my prayers, wondering if the God of the heavens knew where I was and what I was there for. When day by day I saw the devastation of the country by this army, countless as the hosts of Cyrus marching on Babylon, it seemed that the geography of my boyhood days was right and that I was indeed in the heart of the great American desert. Again, I would reason, if this country could support all this wild life, why not support man and domestic life? With all my doubts and fears I staid, fascinated as by a spell with the strangeness of the problems that surrounded me.

In July new hope came. Four young men came from Ellsworth to spy out the land for homesteads on the Walnut. They were not satisfied with Barton county. They said it was "too thickly settled." The best claims with timber had been filed on. They employed me to take them into Rush county. I located them on the Walnut, near where Rush Center now stands, on "running water and timber." When Adam was driven from the garden of Eden, he undoubtedly took Eve by the hand and traveled many days over the richest soil on earth to find a claim with "running water and timber."

While I was gone the Cheyennes made a raid on the Fort Larned reservation and made off with all the government mules. I was delayed longer than I expected, and when I returned I found Finn overjoyed to see me, as he thought I had been captured. It was the Fourth of July.—Topeka Capital.

Three Kinds of Theft.

A Paris court recently acquitted a young married woman arrested for stealing nearly 200 black silk cravats for men. In the course of the trial kleptomania was discussed and shop thefts divided into three classes—conscious, semiconscious and unconscious. Conscious theft, it was declared, may be premeditated or unpremeditated; type of the former the professional shoplifter with her big pocket; of the latter the woman who suddenly yields to an irresistible temptation. Semiconscious thefts are the result of "temporary modifications in the intellect with momentary diminution of the moral sense," and these are frequently committed by most respectable women "under determined conditions of sanitary trouble."

Parisian shoplifters have of late taken to pleading pregnancy and an overpowering desire, but the medical experts and others apply an infallible test. The professional takes all she can lay her hands on and seeks to dispose of it. The pregnant woman always steals the same thing, and having stolen it and satisfied her craving makes no attempt to profit by the theft. Frequently, as in the case of the men's cravats, it is a useless or absurd article she affects. The unconscious kleptomaniacs often make no effort to conceal the article stolen. This condition is frequently the symptom of the beginning of a mortal organic affection.—New York Tribune.

Daily Occupation.

It is not unusual to banish from this portion of life any idea or hope of peace. That is kept for the evening, when labor is over and the comforts of home and rest take its place, or it is reserved for the evening of life, when exertion ceases and energy droops, or it is relegated to some time in the future, when sufficient means have been secured to make work appear unnecessary. It stands for the realization in some way of ease, comfort, leisure, luxury, opportunity. On the other hand, toil, effort, hardship, struggle, are all put in opposition to it. Thus men will often live lives of labor and sacrifice, hoping by this means to obtain peace and tranquillity when the toil is over, but to unite the two, to enjoy peace in toil, tranquillity in effort, seldom occurs to them. Yet no peace worth having exists without power, and power must have its outlet in activity.—New York Ledger.

White Specks In Butter.

Mottles in butter and white specks are sometimes confounded, and by some are considered the same, but there is a difference. Mottled or streaky butter has been explained as being caused by an unequal distribution of the salt, but white specks have a different cause or causes. Sometimes, when the milk is set in shallow pans, they result from the cream drying on top, so there are small portions that are so hard they do not churn into butter. These particles do not take the color like the rest of the butter, and the specks are thus caused. This may be remedied by carefully straining the cream when it is put into the churn.

Another cause of white specks is this: When some milk is skimmed off the cream, as is usually done in the case of deep cold setting, this milk settles to the bottom, gets overripe and forms a curd, which will be so hard as not to break up in churning and will not run off with the buttermilk, but will remain with the butter as white specks, or flecks, as they are sometimes called. This can be remedied by not letting the cream stand so long before churning or by frequent and thorough stirring of the cream during the process of ripening. These hard, white particles can also be taken out by straining the cream.—Bulletin United States Department of Agriculture.

The Cold Water Ordeal.

The cold water ordeal was one of the most important tests of guilt or innocence a few hundred years ago. If the accused floated, he was guilty; if he sank, he was innocent. In the twelfth century some altar vessels were stolen from the cathedral of Laon and the learned Anselm proposed that a child from each parish and then a child from each household should be put to the test, and so on until the guilty one was found. The proposition raised a great outcry and the people clamored that those who had easiest access to the church be the first to undergo the ordeal.

This looked reasonable enough. So the bishop ordered the six priests of the cathedral to prepare for the test. In the meanwhile Anselm thought to try the experiment himself as a preliminary test. So he was bound and placed in a tub of water. To his great satisfaction, as well as discomfort, he promptly sank. The day arrived and with it an immense crowd to see the trial. The first priest sank, the second floated, the third sank, the fourth floated, the fifth sank and then Anselm himself—wonder of wonders—in spite of experiments and protested innocence, floated around with the buoyancy of an air bubble. While he was serving his sentence in prison Anselm found time to write a learned treatise on the "Inexpediency of the Water Ordeal and Its Failure In Many Cases."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years, and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of, and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned.—Josh Edgar, Germantown, Cal. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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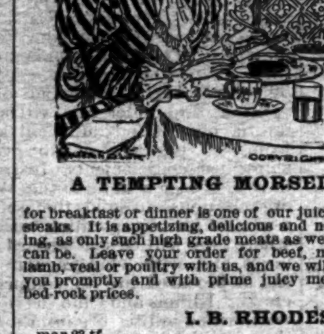

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3 Car Loads of Corn,

Two of white and one of mixed.

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1 Car Load Meal.

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Mortagee's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE CONtained in a Mortgage given by S. B. Gaskill and wife to John D. Taylor, Receiver, and subsequently assigned to J. H. Gore, Jr., guardian of Leila G. McGirt et al., the undersigned will on Saturday, March 26th, 1898, at 12 o'clock M. offer for sale by public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, the following described lot or parcel of land, lying, being, and situate in the city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet southwardly from its intersection with the southern line of Dawson street, and running thence southwardly along the said eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and one-half feet to the western line of Millis' alley, thence northwardly along the western line of Millis' alley and parallel with Eighth street sixty-six feet, and thence westwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and a half feet, to the said eastern line of Eighth street, the beginning point.

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MY DEAR SIR—Your letter of 31st ult. received. In reply I take pleasure in saying that I spent two weeks at Jackson Springs in August of the present year. I was very feeble when I arrived there, suffering from Dyspepsia, and was not able to go from the hotel to the Spring, but after two weeks at the Springs I received beneficial effects from the curative power of its waters, and verily believe that these waters, springing out of the deep sand section of Moore County saved my life, or at least prolonged it to this day.

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STEP BY STEP YOU GO A LONG WAY.

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Statement of Atlantic National Bank, Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of Business Feb. 18th, 1898, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.		
Loans		\$572,903 10	Capital		\$125,000 00
Overdrafts		21 86	Surplus	\$60,000 00	
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)		40,000 00	Undivided profits	15,912 11	75,912 11
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000 00	Circulation		36,000 00
Due from other Banks	\$109,167 71		Total Deposits		662,455 16
Cash on hand	67,274 55	276,442 31			
Total		\$899,367 27	Total		\$899,367 27

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Feb. 18, '96.	Feb. 18, '97.	Feb. 17, '98.
Total Deposits	\$607,000	\$650,000	\$662,000
Surplus and Net Profits	54,800	64,500	72,900
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. mar 6 tf

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Schedule in Effect Jan. 25, 1898.

TO ALL POINTS

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Train 41—Leaves Wilmington 3:20 p. m., leaves Lumberton 5:26 p.m., Pembroke 5:46 p. m., Maxton 6:12 p. m., Laurinburg 6:29 p. m., Hamlet 6.53 p. m. Connects at Hamlet with train 41 for Charlotte and Atlanta, and with train 402 for Portsmouth, Richmond, Washington and points North.

Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 a. m., leaves Weldon 11:55 a. m., Raleigh 3:34 p. m., Sanford 5:03 p. m., Hamlet 6:53 p. m., Rockingham 7:30 p. m., Wadesboro 8:11 p. m., Monroe 9:12 p. m., Charlotte 10:25 p. m., Athens 3:45 a. m., and Atlanta 5:20 a. m. Connects at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:40 p. m., Richmond 8:56 p. m., Portsmouth 8:45 p. m. leaves Weldon 11:28 p. m., Raleigh 2:16 a. m., Sanford 3:35 a. m., Hamlet 5:10 a. m., Rockingham 5:23 a. m., Wadesboro 5:54 a. m., Monroe 6:43 a. m., Charlotte 7:50 a. m., Lincolnton 10:20 a. m., Shelby 11:18 a. m., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 p. m., Atlanta 2:50 p. m. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:15 a. m. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m., Pembroke 9:31 a. m., Lumberton 9:53 a. m., Wilmington 12.05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 m. leaves Athens 3:16 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 p. m., arrives Shelby 5:55 p. m., Lincolnton 6:55 p. m., Charlotte 8:25 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m., Wadesboro 10:31 p. m., Rockingham 11:05 p. m., Hamlet 11:23 p. m., Sanford 1:02 a. m., Raleigh 2:16 a. m., Weldon 4:55 a. m., Portsmouth 7:30 a. m., Richmond 6:30 a. m., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 p. m., arrives Gibson 8:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 a. m., arrives Hamlet 7:50 a. m.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 a. m., arrives Cheraw 10:00 a. m. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:00 p. m., arrives Hamlet 6:20 p. m.

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Condensed Schedule.

In Effect January 23rd, 1898.

NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 18 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 25 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 17 P. M
Leave Climax	12 45 "
Leave Sanford	2 36 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 55 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4. DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

CONNECTIONS

At Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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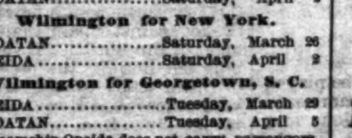

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ONEIDA .... Saturday, March 26
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Wilmington for New York.

CROATAN .... Saturday, March 26
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ONEIDA .... Tuesday, March 29
CROATAN .... Tuesday, April 5

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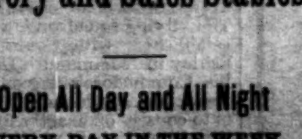

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect March 20, 1898

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 a. m., Warsaw 11.15 a. m., Goldsboro 12:05 a. m., Wilson 12:55 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:37 p. m., Tarboro 2:31 p. m., Weldon 4.33 p. m., Petersburg 6.22 p. m., Richmond 7:15 p. m., Norfolk 5.55 p. m., Washington 11:30 p. m., Baltimore 1:05 a. m., Philadelphia 3:50 a. m., New York 6:53 a. m., †Boston 3:00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8:55 p. m., Warsaw 9:10 p. m., Goldsboro 10:10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6:45 a. m., Rocky Mount 11:57 p. m., Weldon 1:42 a. m., †Norfolk 10:30 a. m., Petersburg 3:14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m., Baltimore 9:03 a. m., Philadelphia 11:25 a. m., New York 2.03 p. m., Boston 9:00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4:13 p. m., Newbern 5:40 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5:09 p. m., Chadbourn 5:41. p. m., Marion 6:43 p. m., Florence 7:25 p. m., Sumter 9:10 p. m., Columbia 10:30 p. m., Denmark 6:12 a. m., Augusta 7:55 a. m., Macon 11:15 a. m., Atlanta 12:25 p. m., Charleston 10:50 p. m., Savannah 1:50 a. m., Jacksonville 7:30 a. m., St. Augustine 10:30 a. m., Tampa 5:25 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1:03 p. m., *New York 9:00 p. m., Philadelphia 12:05 a. m., Baltimore 2:50 a. m., Washington 4:30 a. m., Richmond 9:05 a. m., Petersburg 10:00 a. m., Norfolk 9:00 a. m., Weldon 11:55 a. m., Tarboro 12:31 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:15 p. m., Wilson 2:37 p. m., Goldsboro 3:20 p. m., Warsaw 4:11 p. m., Magnolia 4.24 p. m.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:09 p. m., Baltimore 2:25 p. m., Washington 3:46 p. m., Richmond 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:12 p. m., †Norfolk 2:20 p. m., Weldon 9:43 p. m., †Tarboro 6:00 p. m., Rocky Mount 5:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6:22 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9:00 a. m., Jacksonville 10:26 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 a. m., Sanford 3:27 p. m., Jacksonville 7:40 p. m., Savannah 1:45 a. m., Charleston 6:33 a. m., Columbia 6.45 a. m., Atlanta 8:20 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Augusta 3:00 p. m., Denmark 4:47 p. m., Sumter 8:12 a. m., Florence 9:58 a. m., Marion 10:36 a. m., Chadbourn 11:38 a. m., Lake Waccamaw 12:09 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3:55 p. m., Halifax 4:30 p. m.; arrive Scotland Neck 5:20 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m.; arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:20 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.; arrive Parmele 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.; returning leaves Parmele 9:35 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.; arrives Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5:30 p. m.; Sunday, 4:15 p. m.; arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m. and 6:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m.; arrive Tarboro 10:05 a. m. and 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7:10 a. m.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8:30 a. m. Returning, leaves Smithfied 9:00 a. m.; arrive Goldsboro 10:25 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m.; arrives Nashville 5.05 p. m., Spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 a. m., Nashville 8.35 a. m.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.20 a. m. and 4.15 p. m. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 a. m. and 3.00 p. m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.09 a. m., arrive Latta 10.26 a. m., Dillon 10.30 a. m., Rowland 10.54 a. m. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.13 p. m.; arrives Dillon 6.33 p. m., Latta 6.46 p. m., Pee Dee 7.10 p. m., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8:30 a. m., Chadbourn 11:43 a. m.; arrive Conway 2:03 p. m.; leave Conway 2:45 p. m., Chadbourn 5:45 p. m.; arrive Hub 6:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6:35 p. m., Manning 7:04 p. m.; arrive Lane's 7:43 p. m.; leave Lane's 8:34 a. m., Manning 9:08 a. m.; arrive Sumter 9:37 a. m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9:30 a. m., 7: 55 p. m.; arrive Georgetown 12:00 m., 9:14 p. m.; leave Georgetown 7:00 a. m.; 3:00 p. m.; arrive Lane's 8:25 a. m.; 5:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9:55 a. m.; arrive Darlington 10:28 a. m., Cheraw 11:40 a. m., Wadesboro 12:35 p. m.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8:00 p. m.; arrive Darlington 8.25 p. m., Hartsville 9:20 p. m., Bennettsville 9:21 p. m., Gibson 9:45 p. m. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9:55 a. m.; arrive Darlington 10:27 a. m., Hartsville 11:10 a. m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6:35 a. m., Bennettsville 6:59 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7:50 a. m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 7:00 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7:45 a. m.; leave Darlington 8:55 a. m.; arrive Florence 9:20 a. m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4:25 p. m., Cheraw 5:15 p. m., Darlington 6:29 p. m.; arrive Florence 7:00 p. m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8:15 a. m., Darlington 9.00 a. m.; arrive Florence 9:20 a. m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2:15 p. m., 11:16 p. m.; arrive Selma 3.15 p. m., Smithfield 3:22 p. m., Dunn 4:00 p. m., Fayetteville 4:45 p. m., 1:07 a. m., Rowland 6:13 p. m.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 a. m., Fayetteville 12:18 p. m., 10:19 p. m., Dunn 1:01 p. m., Smithfield 1:39 p. m., Selma 1:47 p. m.; arrive Wilson 2:35 p. m., 12:09 a. m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4:29 a. m., Creston 5:33 a. m.; arrive Denmark 6:12 a. m. Returning leave Denmark 4:47 p. m., Creston 5:43 p. m., Sumter 6:25 p. m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5:45 a. m.; arrive Pregnalls 9:15 a. m. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10:00 a. m.; arrives Creston 3:50 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

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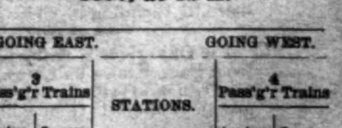

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SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 26

FILIBUSTERING IN THE HOUSE.

The Minority Members Protest Against Arbitrary Ruling of Speaker Reed.

SPEECHES IN DENUNCIATION.

The Naval Appropriation Bill Under Consideration—Only Four Pages Disposed Of—Representative Wheeler's Resolution.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The stirring scenes of the 51st Congress when members of the minority were charging down the aisles protesting against the rulings of Speaker Reed were recalled to-day in the turbulent protests made by the minority against a ruling of the chair during the consideration of the Naval Appropriation bill. The ruling in effect compelled members to confine their remarks under the five-minute rule to the subject before the House and was made against Mr. Hartman, Silver Republican, of Montana, who attempted to make a political speech.

Mr. Bailey moved that he be allowed to "proceed in order." The motion was opposed by the majority and defeated 91 to 110.

The minority then inaugurated a filibuster, demanding a vote by tellers on the pro forma amendment to which Mr. Hartman had been speaking.

Mr. Payne made the point that the demand was dilatory and was sustained. The chair also sustained a similar point against an appeal. A moment later, when another demand was made for tellers and it was denied, Mr. Bailey denounced the ruling. "If you do not permit us to verify the count," he declared, "you destroy the last safeguard of the minority. A dishonest man in the chair—and there have been dishonest men in the chair—could defeat the will of this House. I am frank to say that my purpose in inaugurating this filibuster was to consume twice as much time as you denied the gentleman from Montana, and I intend to do it every time you deny a reasonable demand." [Democratic applause.]

Denunciatory speeches were made by Messrs. McMillin, Democrat, of Tennessee, and Bland, Democrat, of Missouri.

The chair finally announced that he did not desire to deprive any member of a right honestly demanded. If the gentleman from Texas would state that the demand for tellers was made in good faith he would entertain the demand.

"I repel as an insult," retorted Mr. Bailey, "that demand from the occupant of the chair. The chair has no right to ask me to disclose my motive, and you and all the power behind you cannot compel me to say what my motives are." [Democratic applause.]

Thereupon the chair insisted upon his ruling and the reading of the bill proceeded. At the end of the first paragraph read Mr. Hartman again offered a pro forma amendment and after some prefatory remarks in denunciation of what he characterized as an attempt to "throttle free speech," was proceeding with the speech he began hours before, when he was again called to order.

Every expedient was resorted to to block progress with the bill. As a result, but four pages were disposed of. Before the bill was taken up for amendment, Mr. Foss, Republican, Illinois, a member of the Naval committtee, made a general speech in advocacy of the policy of building up a strong and powerful navy.

General Wheeler, of Alabama, today introduced in the House a bill providing "that in the event of an act of war being committed by Spain or any other foreign nation prior to the meeting of the next session of Congress, the President of the United States is hereby authorized to accept tenders of volunteer troops, to purchase arms and munitions of war, to equip such troops for active service, organize such troops into brigades, divisions and armies for active service, appoint necessary generals, staff and other officers, except such field and company officers as may have already been selected or may hereafter be selected by proper authority, and do any other act necessary to the safety of the country, or any part thereof, and to protect its honor and prestige."

The second section appropriates the necessary money to carry out the provisions of the act.

At 5:05 P. M. the House adjourned.

BASE BALL AT MACON.

The Baltimore Team Again Defeats the Mercer University Nine.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, March 25.—The Baltimore base ball team again defeated the Mercer University team, the game being the last of the series to be played here. Some of the Mercer team could not get away from recitations and their places were filled in by the Orioles.

The visitors leave at 1.10 in the morning in a special sleeper for Savannah, where they will remain four days and then go to Charleston, and from there to Richmond.

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THE SITUATION VERY GRAVE.

Spanish Government Holds the Disaster of Internal Origin—War Preparations on an Unprecedented Scale Hurried to Completion.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine disaster, has reported that the loss of the battleship was due to an outside explosion.

The State Department by direction of the President has cabled United States Minister Woodford at Madrid to notify the Spanish Government of this conclusion.

A Grave Situation.

The President and cabinet advisers held two extended sessions to-day, one at 10.30 A. M., and another at 3.30 P. M., at which the report was considered in detail. Members of the cabinet stated after meeting that the discussion was of grave character and that never since the wrecking of the Maine has the situation seemed so critical.

The Spanish Government has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish naval commission holds the disaster to the Maine to be of internal origin.

The Government of Spain, it can be stated positively, is not disposed to turn back the torpedo flotilla now proceeding from the Canaries, and would be disinclined to consider a suggestion from this Government tending to interfere with the disposition by Spain of her own naval forces.

War preparations on an unprecedented scale are being hurried to completion by the War and Navy Departments, and the country, practically, is on a war footing.

The foregoing gives the record of one of the most eventful days the national capital has seen since the close of the civil war. It was a day of profoundly important action, of the deepest anxiety, coupled with naval and military activity, one step following another in rapid succession. Representative men of the administration, public men in all branches of official and Congressional life, no less than the public in general, shared in the tension to which the situation has been wrought. There was no effort among the highest officials, nor indeed was it possible, from what was clearly apparent in the developments of the day, to minimize the situation.

Finding of the Court of Inquiry.

Viewed in detail the finding of the Court of Inquiry was the most vital feature. Commander Marix, Judge-Advocate of the Court of Inquiry, delivered the report to Secretary Long early this morning and shortly after it was carried to the White House and placed in the hands of the President.

At 10:30 the cabinet assembled, half an hour earlier than usual and began the consideration of the momentous document. Even the rigid rules of secrecy which prevail at cabinet meetings were made doubly strict in this case, and no intimation of the results reached by the court were known until 4 o'clock, when an Associated Press bulletin gave the information to the country, as well as the eagerly waiting officials throughout Washington. These results, briefly stated, are that the loss of the Maine was due to an explosion from the outside, the court being unable to fix the responsibility for the explosion. The court does not express an opinion as to the character of the explosion, but the testimony goes to show that it was a powerful submarine mine, the exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was a floating submarine mine. There were two explosions, the court finds, the first from the outside, and that set off one of the smaller magazines.

It was this result, expressed in detail and with the precision of a court deeply conscious of its responsibility, together with the evidence on which it was based, that occupied the attention of the cabinet throughout its extended sessions this morning and afternoon. The other and lesser subjects gave way to this foremost question. There was no change in the plan of making the report public and transmitting it to Congress early next week, accompanied by a brief message from the President.

While interest was thus centered at the White House, the Navy and War Departments were hurrying forward their work of preparations. The

Advance of the Spanish Flotilla

continued to receive the closest attention of naval officials and while so far as could be ascertained no definite line of action was determined upon, the need of intercepting this fleet was urged by the highest naval authorities. From the standpoint of the Spanish government, this movement was not a menace. The Spanish government holds that the extensive armament of the Dry Tortugas is a more direct hostile act against Spain than any movement of the flotilla. Instead of stopping the flotilla, the present attitude of Spain tends toward reinforcing it with other Spanish war vessels, not as a menace but, from what the Spanish government feels, is a requirement called for by the existing condition of affairs.

Hardly less suggestive than the approach of the torpedo flotilla was the information received to-day by the highest military authorities that the Spanish government hurried the completion of extensive fortifications on the island of Porto Rico lying just off Cuba, and the only Spanish possession in this hemisphere other than Cuba. The exact character of these defences has been made known here and they are being given weigh twith the military authorities as showing the disposition of Spain.

The orders issued by the Navy Department during the day covered every branch of naval armament. The "flying squadron" was definitely established, with Commodore W. S. Schley in command. He will hoist his Commodore's flag on the flagship Brooklyn next Monday. The squadron is to consist of exactly five ships, the Brooklyn, the battleships Massachusetts and Texas and the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis. Other ships which are, now or hereafter, at Hampton Roads, will not be of the "flying squadron," but will belong to the North Atlantic station under Captain Sampson. The "flying squadron" is to be a small compact fleet of the best ships in the navy, for quick service at any point along the Atlantic.

At the same time the North Atlantic station, under Capt. Sampson, is to be further augmented. The cruiser Cincinnati, which left Port Antonio three days ago under sealed orders, is to report at Key West and become a part of Captain Sampson's fleet. The gunboat Wilmington, also en route from Port Antonio, will likewise report to Captain Sampson at Key West, as will the gunboat Vicksburg, now at Hampton Roads. Late to-day the Navy Department gave out the following list of vessels, as showing the exact character of each fleet:

The following vessels compose the North Atlantic squadron: New York, Iowa, Indiana, Miantonomoh, Fern, Puritan, Terror, Marblehead, Montgomery, Delaware, Castine, Nashville, Helena, Wilmington, Vesuvius; torpedo boats: Foote, Dupont, Ericsson, Cushing, Porter, Winslow; tugs: Leyden and Samoset.

The following vessels compose the flying squadron: Brooklyn, Massachusetts, Texas, Minneapolis and Columbia.

Other War Preparations.

Some of the other important developments of the day may be summarized as follows: Requisitions were made on the naval ordnance bureau for a large number of quick fire four-pounder and six-pounder guns to be mounted on the revenue cutters and the steam yachts about to be purchased. The bureau determined to use the quick-fire guns for these craft which had been originally intended for the Atlantic liners St. Paul and St. Louis.

Captain Bradford, chief of naval equipment, completed plans for securing a naval coaling station in waters south of Cuba, and the papers are now ready for final action. The station will not be on Navassa island as has been suggested, but is likely to be at one of the several fine harbors of Hayti or San Domingo or else on the Danish island of St. Thomas, which is open to purchase from Denmark for a considerable sum. Late to-day the battleship Texas was ordered from Hampton Roads to the New York navy yard to repair her machinery for hoisting ammunition and guns. Favorable answers were received from the New York naval militia of their appearance on short notice to supply officers and men for the single turret monitors now called into service.

Orders were issued to-day to have all the war ships painted black, a color that is better adapted to hostilities because the vessels will not afford as good a target.

The navy department was informed by cablegram from Lieutenant Colwell, naval attache to the United States embassy at London, that agents of this government had purchased a "Schischau" torpedo boat that has been constructed for the German government. The new acquisition is of the general type of German torpedo boats, and this is regarded as a valuable addition to our navy. One feature regarding her that affords special gratification to the officials of the Navy Department is that she is now ready for sea. It is expected that in a few days she will leave for the United States. She will be able to make the journey across the Atlantic without difficulty, as she is a good sea-going vessel and her coal capacity is ample for the trip to this country. She is a 22-knot vessel, and about 150 feet long. While of the same general type as the Rogers and Foote, of the U. S. navy, she is a trifle larger.

Fortifying Porto Rico.

Word reached the Navy Department officials to-day that the Spanish authorities have taken steps to supplement the existing fortifications at San Juan de Puerto Rico, the main port of the island of Porto Rico. The news is regarded as significant. Porto Rico is the only other possession which belongs to Spain on this hemisphere beside Cuba. The officials of the department while acknowledging that information of the above character has reached them, are yet very chary about imparting any of the details to the press. The city of Puerto Rico is fortified after the old style prevalent in early days the defences consisting of a wall which completely encircles it, of several forts at strategic points, while the only points of egress and ingress are through massive gates. These fortifications are strengthened and the armament has been increased by two large guns of formidable pattern and calibre. San Juan has 23,414 inhabitants.

Additional Vessels Purchased.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Four swift yachts, nine fast sea-going tugs and one coasting vessel, the pick of the available small craft in the harbors of New York and Philadelphia, were acquired to-day and augment the United States navy by the special naval board of auxiliary vessels. At least two more yachts and two tugs will be acquired to-morrow unless the negotiations which are now practically concluded, should fall through.

The New Cruiser Albany.

Lieutenant Colwell, naval attache to the United States embassy at London, has been directed by the Navy Department to urge upon the builders of the recently purchased cruiser Albany, formerly the Brazilian vessel Abreuall, the necessity to hasten the construction of the vessel with all possible speed. In the ordinary course of work the vessel would not be completed before next December, but it is believed by officials of the Navy Department that if the builders are placed under pressure she can be made ready for sea within three months, and perhaps even in a little less time.

Orders have been issued designating Capt. Sampson as commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic station.

The Revenue Cutters

which will be ordered into service, and their present stations, are: The Woodbury, at Portland, Me.; Hamilton, at Philadelphia; Hudson, at New York; Manning, at Boston; Calumet, at Chicago; Gresham, at Milwaukee; Morrill, at Wilmington, N. C., and Windom, at Baltimore. The vessels will fit out at Norfolk.

THE SPANISH REPORT.

Claim That the Disaster to the Battleship Maine Was Caused by an Internal Explosion.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID March 25.—The Spanish Government has received the Spanish report on the loss of the Maine, which however, is said to be "confused" and explanations are said to have been requested. In any case, it is added, it will not be published until after the report of the United States naval court of inquiry has been made public.

The Spanish report says it is "scientifically and practically demonstrated that the explosion was internal."

The United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, had a long conference this evening with the minister for Foreign Affairs, Senor Gullon. Absolute reticence is observed as to what transpired.

The *Correspondencia* says the Spanish Government will dispatch a note to Washington, requesting that the report on the loss of the Maine be not sent to Congress until both reports are presented and considered by both Governments.

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FOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

All, With the Exception of Consul General Lee—Rear Admiral Sicard's Views of the Court of Inquiry.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, March 25.—The Associated Press bulletin that the Court of Inquiry had found the Maine was blown up by a submarine mine created intense excitement here.

The most significant development that followed the announcement of the Court's report—a development known to but few—was the sudden sailing of the lighthouse tender, Mangrove, for Havana. The Mangrove was lying quietly at the dock, loading buoys, when orders came about 5 o'clock this afternoon for her to proceed with all haste to Havana and take on board all the American officials in that city with the exception of Consul General Lee.

It is feared here that the knowledge of the Court's report has excited Havana's population and brought the anti-American sentiment to a climax. Officers of high rank were still reticent.

Rear Admiral Sicard, however, said: "The Court of Inquiry brought in findings according to what its members believed. Nothing could have made them do otherwise. If they had been able to fix the responsibility I feel sure they would not have shirked this duty."

The attention of Rear Admiral Sicard was drawn to the fact that Spain had officially denied that Havana harbor was mined. He replied: "If Havana harbor were mine, I should certainly have mined it. The water there is especially suitable to such a method of defence. Spain's denial had nothing to do with the Court of Inquiry. I should not believe a statement that Havana harbor was not mined.

"The court has not yet been dissolved. It is barely possible that more work may be required of it; but this is not probable. "The Court of Inquiry is composed of splendid men. "I am greatly satisfied with their work I hardly suppose much excitement will be caused by the announcement of the verdict, as I am under the impression that 99 per cent. of our own people were already convinced that the Maine was blown up externally; and I scarcely think their ideas would have changed, even if the court had reported otherwise."

When the possibility of arbitration and the ensuing entanglement were suggested to him, Rear Admiral Sicard said: "The Maine case is nothing in comparison with the Alabama claims. Then we were opposed to a powerful commercial rival; but now we are dealing with Spain."

WASHINGTON, March 25.—At the White House it was said that official advices here did not bear out the suggestion of a pending crisis in Havana, and that there were no dispatches from Gen. Lee of a disquieting nature. As to the movement of the Mangrove it was said that her departure was merely in line with orders issued several days ago, to go to Havana and return with the remaining officers of the Maine now there.

LATE ADVICES FROM MADRID.

Minister Woodford—Wild Rumors Concerning Gen Lee—The Government and the Maine Disaster.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, March 25.—United States Minister Woodford interviewed tonight with reference to the report that he had received advices from Washington as to the findings of the Maine Court of Inquiry and the proposed action of the American government, declined to divulge anything. General Woodford said: "President McKinley desires peace, which I also desire."

El Imparcial says: "The United States is forcing Spain into a conflict. To send the Maine report to Congress is equivalent to throwing a torch into a barrel of gun-powder."

The government, despite such comments, is pursuing a conciliatory policy, and, it is believed, will propose that the Maine disaster be referred to international arbitration.

Among the wild rumors current today was one to the effect that United States Consul General Lee, at Havana, had slapped General Blanco's face and that General Blanco drew his revolver and killed his assailant. The rumor was ridiculed and immediately denied officially.

LONDON, March 26.—The Madrid correspondent of the *Standard* says: "The Ministerialists are making no secret that important communications have already passed between Washington and Madrid, acquainting the Spanish government with the drift of the policy President McKinley is about to adopt and which has been met with conciliatory but firm protest and representations on the part of Spain."

The Madrid correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says: "The tenor of the comment of the Spanish press is that the American commission of inquiry into the Maine disaster is afraid of an international investigation."

A PHILADELPHIA FAILURE.

The People's Bank Forced to Close Its Doors—Suicide of Cashier.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—The sudden death yesterday of John S. Hopkins, cashier of the People's Bank, and the assignment made last night by the Guarantors' Finance Company were followed to-day by disclosures, which showed an important connection between the two events.

The coroner's investigation developed the fact hitherto concealed by the family that Hopkins had committed suicide by shooting himself, and an examination of the affairs of the Peoples' bank by its officers resulted in the revelation that Hopkins had during the past two years loaned the bank's funds in large amounts to Richard F. Loper, general manager of the Guarantors' Finance Company. These loans, which remain unpaid, and aggregate, it is said, over $600,000, were made wholly without the knowledge of the officers and directors of the bank. The securities given by Loper as collateral for the loans were found, according to the statement of one of the banks officials, to have very little value.

In consequence of these revelations the bank to-day closed its doors indefinitely. It is believed the bank will pay dollar for dollar.

A Pekin dispatch says: The Tsung Li Yamen, it is reported, has notified the Russian charge d'affaires that China virtually acceded to the Russian demands.

THE TRADE SITUATION.

Some Favorable Features—Cuban Question Affects Future Undertakings in the Eastern Section.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Bradstreets to-morrow will say: The favorable features of the week in distributive trade have been the reports coming, with few exceptions, from all parts of the West and Northwest and marred only by the check to business and shipments caused by heavy rains and high water in the Ohio Valley. The unsettled condition of our relations with Spain is credited with exercising some effect upon immediate demands and upon future undertakings in the Eastern portion of the country, but the two industries, cotton, and woolen, most complaining, are those in which conditions other than foreign complications have for some time past been working toward depression. The coarse cotton goods situation does not improve in any way and declines in print cloths to a still lower record quotation render increasingly imminent action by manufacturers toward curtailing production in this line. While some woollen goods mills have already booked good orders, the business done as a whole has not been up to anticipations. Raw wool, however, does not reflect the rather unsatisfactory condition in the manufacturer's product in lower quotations. The condition of the iron and steel trade is one which excites satisfaction and almost surprise. From a number of widely separated sections the report comes of unprecedented activity in nearly all the branches of the trade.

The price situation this week is notable in showing decreases more numerous than for some time past. This, of course, includes many lines in which speculation plays a prominent part. The passing of the cold wave, with little or no reported damage to the growing winter wheat, coupled with the general forward condition of agricultural matters and the anticipated heavy acreage in spring wheat, is credited with much of the depressing influence manifested in cereals this week. Aiding this, of course, is the discouragement of speculation by the strong statistical position of the immediate wheat supplies and uncertainty as to our political relations. The position of the flour trade is unsatisfactory for several reasons; business is reported as dragging, and production may be restricted.

Business failures in the United States this week are 215, against 233 last week, 221 in this week a year ago, 276 in 1896 and 232 in 1895.

THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS.

Sailed Suddenly from Newport News for Brooklyn Navy Yard.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 25.—The battleship Texas sailed suddenly this afternoon when only a few tons of coal had been taken aboard. A barge load of fuel was refused and the ship put to sea in a hurry. It is understood that she has gone to the Brooklyn navy yard.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Texas is bound for the Brooklyn navy yard where some improvements will be made in the facilities for loading the guns of the ship. The necessary plant for this purpose is not available at Norfolk. It is the desire of the department to put the Texas into the highest state of efficiency, said an official of the Navy Department to-night, so as to have her ready for service at 24 hours notice.

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WARM WIRELETS.

The State Department has received a telegram from Consul General Lee, telling of the satisfactory progress of relief work for the sufferers in Cuba.

Frederick L. Smith, of Norfolk, Va., was arrested in Philadelphia yesterday charged with larceny of $1500 from the Smith-Little Company of that city.

A Chicago telegram says: "If present negotiations succeed the Cigarette Trust will absorb its big rivals in the plug tobacco business within the next few weeks.

The Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Audaz has arrived at Waterford with her bow stove in and her stem twisted completely around from about ten feet from the stern.

The total bank clearings in the United States for the week were $1,084,339,916; per cent. increase, 22.4. Exclusive of New York, $449,661,212; per cent. increase, 16.0.

By a vote of 95 to 28, with eleven delegates absent, the Louisiana constitutional convention yesterday adopted a suffrage plan, providing for educational and property qualification and poll tax.

The river is still rising at Parkersburg, W. Va., although very slowly. About 250 families have been forced to move out of their houses. People are moving out of second-story windows in the lower end of the city.

A report that Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japanese press, which regards the recall of M. Alexieff, the Russian customs agent at Seoul, as a sign that Russia has changed her policy in regard to Corea.

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NAVAL MILITIA CALLED ON.

New York and Massachusetts Division Already Directed to Assume Charge of Monitors.

[*Washington Post.*]

For the first time the militia is called into service, and the Governors of Massachusetts and New York are requested to direct their naval militia to assume charge of the monitors assigned for the protection of the harbors of Boston and New York, in conjunction with the land fortifications. The orders sent to Gov. Wolcott, of Massachusetts, and Gov. Black, of New York, for transmission to the commanding officers of the State naval militia, inform them that they will be directed to assume charge of the monitors assigned to each of those States to assist in the second line of defence.

The Boston men will be sent on board when the monitors Catskill and Lehigh arrive, and the New Yorkers may proceed to Philadelphia and take their two ships around. A naval officer will be in command of each monitor, and under him will be naval militia officers and sufficient seaman from each organization to give the ships their complements. Instructions have also been sent to to the Western organizations to hold themselves in readiness for transporation to the East, where they will be sent aboard auxiliaries, and, with what regular sailors can be procured are to comprise the crews. Illinois and Ohio have large, well drilled militia organizations, and these will be first drawn on.

Cheap Advertising.

If you wish to advertise at the lowest rates try the department in the STAR, on fourth page, headed "Business Locals." Situations or help wanted, articles lost or found, rooms or houses wanted or to rent, business opportunities, and many other short miscellaneous advertisements are taken for that department at one cent per word for each insertion. But no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents for each insertion.

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COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, March 25th, 1898.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending March 25:

	1898.	1897.
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week.....	99,363	95,149
Total receipts to this date.....	7,817,780	6,614,514
Exports for week..	144,146	79,249
Total exports to date.....	5,957,598	4,982,729
Stock in all U. S. ports	960,680	744,761
Stock at all interior towns.....	414,180	265,611
Stock in Liverpool,	1,216,000	1,349,000
American afloat for Great Britain...	230,000	90,000

THE EVIDENCE in the case proves Hood's Sarsaparilla cures rheumatism, dyspepsia, catarrh, that tired feeling, scrofula, salt rheum, boils, humors and all blood diseases.

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Wanted—Wide awake men to collect money in town and country; also sell Machines. Good contracts given to the right men. Apply to The Singer Manufacturing Co., Wilmington, N. C. mar 25 2t

Court of Inquiry has just decided that the new Country Produce store opened by H. J. Bierman at 215 Market street, is the neatest store of this kind in the city and a most reliable place to trade. At Hiram Moore's old stand, just across from Jones' livery stables. mar 24 tf

Just Received—Choice Bananas, 15 and 20c per dozen; Florida and Seedless Oranges, 20 and 25c; California Navels, 30 and 40c; Jamaica, 40 and 50c. Confectioneries equally low. N. Paul, 304 Princess street. mar 24 tf

Hot Lunch Free every day from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M. and Saturday night. Roast Beef, Sour Kraut, Frankfurter and other delicacies at the Globe Saloon, 22 Market street. mar 5 1m

M. C. Benson, Commission Merchant, 108 Dock street, has eight years experience in the produce business. Best prices and prompt returns guaranteed. feb 27 tf

Your Country Produce Ship your country produce to L. Tate Bowden, 6 Princess street, for good prices and prompt returns. Chickens, Eggs, Peas, etc., for the city trade feb 24 tf

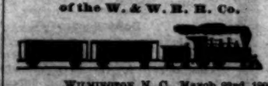
Ladies Wanted to travel and appoint agents for old established house. Permanent position; $40 per month and all expenses. Z., Box 32, Philadelphia, Pa. de 18 D&W tf

Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. Head Rice, Choice Hay, and all kinds of Feed; lowest prices. Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 93. Inter-State Phone No. 93. de 9 tf

Hayden, F. H., has in stock Buggies, Road Carts and Harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skilful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. no 25 tf

Always Reliable.—The best and freshest goods at lowest market prices. Cabbage, Apples, Butter, Bananas, Crackers, Candies, Lemons, Potatoes, etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to ask my prices before placing their order. A. S. Winstead, 118 Second street. Phone 205. sep 21 tf

Office of the Secretary and Treasurer of the W. & W. R. R. Co.



WILMINGTON, N. C., March 22rd, 1898.

The Board of Directors of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company have declared three and one half per cent. interest on the certificates of indebtedness of that Company, due and payable on and after April 1st, 1898, to all holders of record of this date.

The transfer books will stand closed from March 23rd, to March 31st, 1898, inclusive.

JAMES F. POST, Jr.,
Treasurer W. & W. R. R. Co.

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D. O'CONNOR.

Real Estate Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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feb 20 tf Wilmington, N. C.

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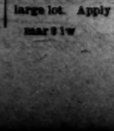
mar 11 tf Wilmington, N. C.

For Rent.



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